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Flora Lewis Honored at OPC Awards Lunch

The American media just isn't getting the European story, veteran correspondent Flora Lewis told the OPC Foundation luncheon on January 22.

Lewis, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award signed by six OPC presidents at the event, said American news organizations haven't fully accepted that the creation of a common currency by the European Union marks a new chapter in Western Europe's economic integration. "This is for real," she told 180 guests, who included nine European consuls general.

Moreover, concerns that Germany's decision to move its capital from Bonn to Berlin will reignite the ghosts of Germany's past and diminish the country's commitment to Europe are overblown. "They (the Germans) are in Europe because they want to be,"



OPC Presidents Honor Flora Lewis (left to right): Larry Smith, Jack Raymond, Herb Kupferberg, Flora Lewis, Roy Rowan, John Corporon, Bill Holstein.

she said. "I'm not worried" about the move to Berlin.

Lewis should know whereof she speaks. After having transferred to

London for the Associated Press just after the end of World War II in 1945, she covered the Berlin airlift, the rise of

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Panel on Covering Cuba

The US is entering a new phase of relations with Cuba with the lifting of some sanctions. Fidel Castro is in decline. How will this affect media coverage?

The Overseas Press Club and The Freedom Forum are sponsoring a panel discussion "Covering Cuba: Is the Media Climate Changing?" on Thursday, February 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Newseum/NY, 580 Madison Avenue.

The Associated Press opened a bureau in Havana in December, joining CNN as the only American media based in Cuba. How will this change? Who will decide? Will the new US policy make a difference? These are among the questions to be addressed by the panelists: Hiram Enriquez, Cuban-born

journalist now with CNN en Español in Atlanta; Claude Erbsen, vice president and director of World Services for the Associated Press; Wayne Smith, former head of the US Special Interests section in Havana and now visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and Michael Ranneberger, director of Cuban Affairs at the State Department. Ranneberger will elaborate on the new US position.

Jane Ciabattari, *Parade* columnist and vice president of the OPC, and Joan Mower, international program manager of The Freedom Forum, will moderate. For reservations call the Newseum/NY automatic reservation line at (212) 317-7591.

"Xiu Xiu: The Sent Down Girl": OPC Screening March 9

The OPC will present a special preview screening of "Xiu Xiu: The Sent Down Girl," Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Loew's Screening Room in the Coca-Cola Building, 711 Fifth Ave. (between 55th and 56th Sts.) in New York.

The film, which will not be released nationally until April, is directed by Chinese-born actress Joan Chen and tells the story of a young girl "sent-down" to the countryside in 1975 during the final throes of China's Great Cultural Revolution to serve a movement that had long since lost its purpose.

Xiu Xiu (played by 16-year-old Chinese actress Lu Lu) is among the last of the more than seven million "intellectual youth" separated from their families and friends by the government. She is sent to learn horse-herding and is told she eventually will lead her own all-girl cavalry unit. What she doesn't know is that such units have long since been disbanded.

During her exile Xiu Xiu shares a dilapidated army tent with her "instructor" Lao Jin (played by Tibetan actor Lopsang) a simple Tibetan herder. Desperately homesick, the girl seeks her way back to her family through promised sexual favors to men who periodically visit her tent. Finally, through an unspoken love that transcends generations and culture, the herdsman finds a way for Xiu Xiu to



Special OPC Screening of Chinese film set in the Cultural Revolution.

return home and regain her innocence.

Joan Chen makes her directorial debut with "Xiu Xiu: The Sent-Down Girl." She has starred in many movies, including the Academy Award winning "The Last Emperor" and television productions, including "Twin Peaks." She also is co-author and producer of the film, which is being released by Stratosphere Entertainment. The movie, in Chinese with English subtitles, won seven awards, including Best Film, at Taiwan's Golden Horse Award. It also was voted Best Dramatic Feature at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival.

The film is based on the novella "Tian Yu," written by Yan Geling, who was also co-writer of the screenplay. Yan Geling was born in Shanghai and began writing in the late 1970s as a war correspondent covering the Sino-Vietnamese border war.

She was later discharged from the People's Liberation Army with the rank of major. Her 1991 novella "Siao Yu" was adapted into a film directed by Sylvia Chang and produced by Ang Lee.

The special March 9 screening is free but seating is limited. Please call the OPC, (212) 983-4655 for reservations.

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OPC Freedom of Press Committee Protests Crackdown in China

by Larry Martz and Norman A. Schorr
OPC Freedom of the Press Committee

Hopes that the People's Republic of China had begun to soften its hard line position on free expression and press freedom were dimmed recently by several incidents of harsh repression which the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee has protested.

The arrest of Shi Binhai, an editor with the *China Economic Times*, was the first of these incidents. He also was involved with a book calling for political reform entitled "Political China: Facing the Era of Choosing a New Structure." He was not given any

explanation for his arrest and his family was not told where he was imprisoned.

Shi's arrest and detention occurred three days after the arrest of Natalie Liu, a freelance television producer in Beijing who works for CBS News. The OPC committee's protest letter to China's President Jiang Zemin pointed out that the Shi arrest was one of two incidents that "appear to illustrate the nature of restrictions imposed on journalists in China. Editors and other journalists are confronted with the threat of arbitrary arrests and imprisonment because of the work they do as journalists."

About a month after issuing the appeal in Shi Binhai's behalf, the OPC received this response from the PRC Embassy in Washington: "Shi Binhai violated Chinese laws by illegally supplying foreign nationals with Chinese state secrets. He has been detained by the Chinese security department for investigation according to the national security law of the People's Republic of China. The case is still under investigation." An OPC followup noted that the Embassy's explanation implied that the alleged offense had been proven. "But without any mention of court proceeding, the impression is given that an accusation is proof of wrongdoing," the OPC committee pointed out.

When the expulsion from China of Yukihiisa Nakatsu, correspondent for the major Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* was protested by the OPC, the embassy explained that this journalist

broke the law by "obtaining Chinese state secrets with money" and that "he admitted all his illegal activities."

In its response, the OPC quoted a spokesman for the Tokyo-based newspaper who had said that Nakatsu was expelled from China because he refused to disclose his sources or explain how he obtained sensitive documents. The OPC message also mentioned that Nakatsu's colleagues in Beijing were said to believe that the expulsion was "in reality because of his association with Shi Binhai."

Still another attack on a journalist in China drew OPC attention recently. On Nov. 14, 1998, agents of the Ministry of State Security entered the Beijing offices of Juergen Kremb, a reporter with the German weekly *Der Spiegel*. They searched the office, pushed Kremb against a wall and accused him of possessing secret documents. The journalist refused to sign a confession offered him. He was told to leave the country within 48 hours and that he would not be allowed to return for five years.

The OPC protest pointed out that China's draconian laws on state secrets make it all too easy to treat any unpublished fact as a matter of state security and thereby a basis for attacks on journalists. OPC respectfully called on China "to redefine the meaning of state secrets to be limited strictly to vital security matters."

No response has been received as yet to this OPC appeal.

OPC Clubhouse Survey Results

The new clubhouse being considered by OPC governors would be a popular move, judging from the December survey of members.

Nearly half the membership returned questionnaires, and most of these indicated potentially greater use of dining and other facilities and increased attendance at OPC events.

About three-quarters said they would dine and use the lounge at the proposed new Overseas Press Club, at Club Quarters, 40 West 45th Street. And a third said they would do so at least once a month.

The prospect of hotel rooms for \$79 weekends to \$129 weekdays was also appealing to 7 in 10 respondents.

Forty percent were prompted to say they would attend OPC events more frequently.

A majority of respondents did not think the move should warrant a boost in dues, while 25% suggested mostly small increases.

Many members added suggestions for governors, including conspicuous OPC signage inside and out and a room or corner dedicated to OPC photographs and memorabilia.

The governors will continue consideration of the proposal this month.

Editors Form Online News Association

The rapidly-growing impact of news on the Web has convinced the editors of many leading news operations that the time has come for a professional organization focused exclusively on Internet journalism issues.

Editors from more than a dozen major Web news operations, including AP, TIME.com, The Wall Street Journal Interactive, the washingtonpost.com,

CNET, USA Today Online, NPR, MSNBC.com and abcnews.com, are currently in the process of establishing the Online News Association. If you would like more information or would like to join, please contact OPC Board Member Janice Castro, Editor of TIME.com and a founding editor of ONA, at jcastro@aol.com.

OPC Foundation Scholarship Winners

At the OPC Foundation awards luncheon January 22, nine students received prizes of \$2,000 each. Following is a list of the winners, their colleges, the prizes they won and a comment on each:

PHAM-DUY D. NGUYEN

Berkeley

**Alexander Kendrick
Scholarship**

Pham-Duy learned English by studying Hemingway's "Farewell to Arms" as her family fled Vietnam. She wants to return to Vietnam to write.

CHRISTIAN FUNG

Princeton

**David R. Schweisberg
Memorial Scholarship**

Christian bluffed his way into obtaining a visa from the Taliban in Afghanistan by saying he was trying to find their oil reserves.

MATT WILLIAMS

Western Washington

Reuters Scholarship

Restless even with the beauty of Washington State's Olympic Peninsula, Matt spent a year in Germany and hopes to become a correspondent there.

PAMELA R. WINNICK

Columbia

**Harper's Magazine Scholarship
In Memory of I.F. Stone**

Pam, an attorney who worked for CARE and Save the Children, wants to expose what she regards as abuses in humanitarian aid programs. Currently working part-time at *Newsweek* International.

MARIE T. GLANCY

Williams

**Harper's Magazine Scholarship
In Memory of A.J. Liebling**

Marie traveled to South Africa and impressed the judges with her account of Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

AIRA-KATARIINA VEHAASKARI

Columbia

Irene Corbally Kuhn Scholarship

"I am a fearless and energetic journalist," she told the judges. Originally from a Finnish fishing village in the Baltic, she wants to become a correspondent in Cairo.



Scholarship winners (left to right): Goldenberg, Glancy, Nguyen, Vehaskari, Winnick, Gillick, Fung, Williams, Pincus.

WARD H. PINCUS

Fletcher School, Tufts

Stan Swinton Scholarship

Ward speaks Arabic and has traveled widely in North Africa. He wants to use his scholarship to write about Lebanon.

REBECCA ANNE GOLDBERG

Indiana

Theo Wilson Scholarship

Rebecca wrote an essay about tribal conflicts in Burundi and central Africa.

This semester she is in Washington interning for Scripps-Howard.

LARRY GILICK

Syracuse

**H.L. Stevenson Memorial
Scholarship**

Formerly a military journalist, Larry wrote a gripping account of being inside the Sampoong Department Store in Seoul when it collapsed. He wants to return to Asia.

FLORA LEWIS

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the Berlin Wall, the destruction of the wall, and now the move to Berlin. Currently writing for *The New York Times* Syndicate, she has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *New Yorker* and other fine publications. Foundation President Bill Holstein hailed her as "one of the true heroines" of the international news business.

Presenting the certificate of achievement were current OPC President Roy Rowan and five past presidents: John Corporon, Larry Smith, Herb Kupferberg, Jack Raymond and Bill Holstein.

At the event, held in the Princeton Club, the Foundation granted nine scholarships worth \$2,000 a piece to aspiring correspondents. (See listing.)

The audience was the largest such

gathering since the late H.L. Stevenson launched the scholarship program in 1991. In that first year, the Foundation was able to award only two scholarships of \$1,000 a piece.

The Foundation event was bolstered by a number of organizations that purchased tables: Broadgate Consultants, *Business Week*, The Dilenscheider Group, European Union, Ford Motor Company, The Freedom Forum, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Parade* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Thanks also to the 10 judges who spent a day in late December picking the nine winners from among nearly 115 entries: Bernard Gavzer (chair), John Corporon, Fred Ferguson, Catherine Hemlepp, Bill Holstein, Ed Jackson, Josephine Lyons, Sam Petok, Dwight Sargent and Robert Solby.

Welcome to Our New Members

Jane Bartels

Retired Producer
CBS News
associate resident

Richard N. Billings

Independent Writer
Westerly, RI
active non resident

Harold M. Evans

Editorial Director
and Vice Chairman
US News & World Report
and Daily News
active resident

Stephen M. Hagey

Director, Management
Communications
Eastman Kodak Company
Rochester, NY
associate non resident

Carolee B. Morrison

International Editor
The New York Times Syndicate
active resident

David Nevin

Author
Greenwich, CT
associate resident

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Public Affairs
Ford Motor Company
associate resident

Edward R. Ricciuti

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active non resident

Shawn Tully

Senior Writer
Fortune
active resident

Frank M. White

Retired, UPI & Time Inc.
Boca Grande, FL
associate non resident
reinstated

Richard Woodbury

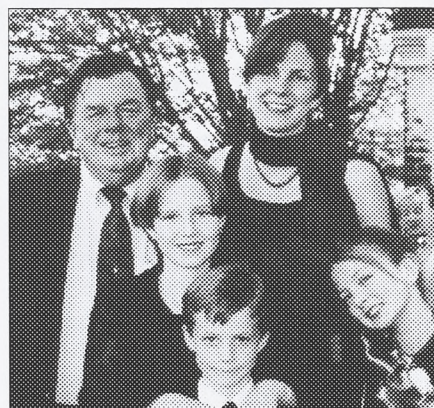
Staff Correspondent
Time
Denver, CO
active non resident

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BEIJING: Zhang Shanguang, 42, a union organizer, was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Dec. 27 for giving an interview to Radio Free Asia that is funded by the U.S. Congress. He was the fourth political dissident to receive a lengthy prison term in China in December. During a trial in Hunan province that lasted less than three hours, Zhang was charged with "illegally providing intelligence to hostile foreign organizations and persons," the New York-based organization, Human Rights in China, told *The New York Times*. The indictment said Zhang told Radio Free Asia in a telephone interview last March that 70 to 80 farmers in Hunan had protested high taxes and that one farmer was killed after he refused to pay a tax. His wife commented: "Everyone knows about the event, so how can this be considered a national secret?" In Washington, **Daniel Southerland**, executive editor of Radio Free Asia and a former UPI, *Christian Science Monitor* and *New York Times* reporter in Asia, said Zhang "didn't say anything that wasn't widely known—certainly it wasn't national security information." Radio Free Asia broadcasts in local languages to eight countries where news is censored.

BERN: In January, **Ruth Dreifuss**, 59, a former journalist and trade union secretary, became Switzerland's first woman president and the first Jew to hold the largely ceremonial post. Serving as Interior Minister during the recent controversy over Swiss banking actions during World War II, Dreifuss told **Elizabeth Olson** of *The New York Times*: "We need to find a more rational way to understand our history, not only in the Second World War. We are seeing it as more complex and conflict loaded." Noting that women did not have the vote in Switzerland at the national level until 1971, Reuters quoted the new president: "For dozens and dozens of years, we've been fighting for equality between men and women. Today we have affirmed this equality."

FALLS CHURCH, Virginia: OPC member **Joe Galloway's** research into America's first big battle in the Vietnam War led to his marriage to **Karen Metsker McCray** last October. Karen



Joe and Karen Galloway and children.

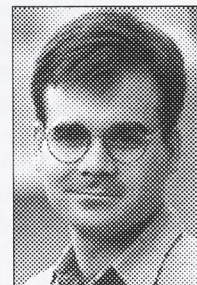
was the daughter of U.S. Army Special Forces Capt. **Thomas C. Metsker**, who was killed in the 1965 battle in the Ia Drang Valley when she was 17 months old. While researching the best-selling book that he and retired Lt. Gen. **Harold G. Moore** wrote about that battle, "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young" [New York: Random House, 1992], Galloway met and interviewed Karen and her mother, **Catherine Metsker McCray**. For UPI, Galloway, a widower with two sons, covered the Ia Drang battle, where he met Tom Metsker. Galloway now is a senior writer with *U.S. News & World Report*. Karen, divorced with two daughters and a son, is studying for a master's degree in architecture at the University of Maryland. Over the New Year holiday, Joe and Karen spent five days in Paris on their honeymoon.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone: An AP Television News producer was killed, an AP bureau chief wounded and his photographer injured Jan. 10 when their station wagon was hit by gunfire while they were covering the civil war in this West African nation. **Myles Tierney**, 34, who was based in Kenya, died instantly. **Ian**

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Myles Tierney



Ian Stewart

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Stewart, 32, Ivory Coast bureau chief, suffered a serious head wound, and photographer **David Guttenfelder** was cut by window glass broken during the shooting. The AP staffers were among journalists and government Information Ministry officials who were traveling through downtown Freetown in four cars escorted by ECOMOG troops, a West African coalition force that is protecting Sierra Leone's elected government. AP reported that an armed man approached the station wagon and opened fire with a semiautomatic rifle after exchanging words with an ECOMOG soldier in the station wagon. Freetown, Sierra Leone's

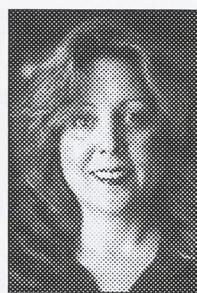


David Guttenfelder capital, is divided into areas controlled by troops loyal to the Government and troops of the rebel Revolutionary United Front. OPC member **Tom Kent**, AP's international editor, said in New York: "We are devastated by the news of Myles' death and Ian's serious injuries. It is another bitter example of the sacrifices made by correspondents who go in harm's way to cover the news." Tierney, who grew up in New York City's SoHo district, joined AP as a TV producer in Africa in 1996 after supporting himself in Berlin by selling freelance news articles to AP and other news organizations. Covering conflicts in Zaire, Rwanda, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea and Somalia, Tierney pioneered use of a new technology that allowed video to be sent over a conventional satellite telephone. Born in Toronto, Stewart was an AP correspondent in Pakistan and Hanoi before being assigned to Africa last year. Guttenfelder grew up in Waukegan, Iowa.

HARARE, Zimbabwe: In January, police arrested **Ray Choto**, a reporter for the *Standard*, an independent Zimbabwe newspaper, after he wrote about an alleged coup plot in this southern African nation. A week earlier, Choto's editor was detained by the Zimbabwe army.

HAVANA: **Anita Snow**, AP's news editor for Mexico and Central America, has reopened AP's Havana bureau, closed by the Cuban government in 1969, and now is its bureau chief. Fidel Castro's government has authorized two

U.S. news organizations to station full-time correspondents in Cuba. CNN was first, opening its Havana bureau in 1997 with **Lucia Newman** as correspondent. While denying them residence status, Cuba has been allowing American reporters to make short visits. Snow had reported from Cuba several times, including covering Pope John Paul II's visit to the island last year. She joined AP in Mexico City in 1988, transferring the following year to Los Angeles and later to New York. For the past five years, Snow was based in Mexico City and was promoted to news editor last year. Before joining AP, she was a reporter for *The Register* in Orange County, California, for seven years and went to Mexico on a fellowship from the Inter-American Press Association.



Anita Snow

HILO, Hawaii: **Robert C. (Baldy) Miller**, 83, who for 40 years roamed Asia and the Pacific from Australia to Alaska for UPI, often picking the country and story he wanted to cover, told the *Bulletin* late last year that he's "back in the saddle again after being grounded by a pesky ear infection that stopped all air travel." He's flying to Australia this winter "God and a few airlines willing."

HONG KONG: Her eyesight weakening at 87, **Clare Hollingworth**, a foreign correspondent for London's *Daily Telegraph* since Germany invaded Poland in 1939, finds reading difficult. So volunteers from Hong Kong's **Women in Publishing Society** each spend an hour a week with her, reading newspaper and magazine articles.

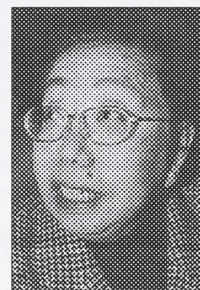


Clare Hollingworth

Arnold Zeitlin, director of Freedom Forum's Asia Center, and friends have established a fund in memory of his wife **Vicky**, who was killed in a traffic accident near Washington, D.C., in November (December *Bulletin*). The fund will support a news media library that Vicky helped establish in Karachi last year when Arnold, a former AP cor-

respondent and later UPI executive in Asia, and Vicky, a computer expert, were training young journalists at the Pakistan Press Foundation on a Knight International Press Fellowship. Memorial donations should be marked "Vicky Fund" payable to Arnold Zeitlin and mailed to him at Freedom Forum Asian Centre, 1502 Shui On Centre, 6 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. For tax deductibility, checks should be made out to the Babajide Foundation and mailed to Zeitlin.

Aw Sian (Sally Aw), chairman of Sing Tao Holdings that owns newspapers and other properties in Hong Kong, Canada, New Zealand and China, has sold 23 per cent of her firm to China Enterprise Development Fund based in Dublin, Ireland, for about U.S.\$14.9 million. For more than 40 years, Aw, a former chair of the International Press Institute, has run the publishing company that includes *Sing Tao Jih Pao*, a major Hong Kong daily, and the English-language *Hong Kong Standard*. The company went into the red last year, losing about U.S.\$15 million. Chinese newspapers reported that Aw also was looking for a buyer for Tiger Balm Gardens, a Hong Kong recreational park named for a patent medicine that her father marketed into a fortune.



Sally Aw

KUWAIT: **Hamid Buyabis**, a reporter for the Kuwaiti newspaper *al-Seyassah*, was questioned for three days in January by state security officers for visiting Israel, with which Kuwait technically remains at war. Buyabis' trip was condemned by Kuwait's Parliament and the local Journalist Association. But the newspaper's editor, **Ahmad al-Jarallah**, defended his reporter, telling prosecutors he would have gone to Israel. After being questioned, Buyabis was released on \$3,500 bail.

LOS ANGELES: In a race up the stairs at the 75-story Library Tower last autumn, OPC member **Jim Colligan** came in ninth in the over-60 class, winning two tickets to a pro-hockey game. "Wait 'til next year," Colligan commented.

MEXICO CITY: Two Huichol Indians have been charged with the murder of **Philip True**, 50, Mexico-based correspondent for *The San Antonio (Texas) Express-News* who was killed in December while hiking in remote mountains in western Mexico (January *Bulletin*). In a *New York Times* dispatch, **Sam Dillon** reported conflicting confessions attributed to the suspects. First, authorities said the Indians confessed to killing True after he angered them by snapping photographs of sacred Indian lands. But at their arraignment, the suspects said they strangled the reporter after he appeared belligerent and appeared likely to rape the wife of one of them. Mexican authorities issued conflicting autopsy reports, one saying that True was sexually brutalized and strangled, the other saying death resulted from blows to the head and chest.

MONTEREY, Mexico: Three newspapers published by **Alejandro Junco de la Vega** are breaking a Mexican pattern of obsequious reporting on the government, writes **Sam Dillon**, Mexico City bureau chief of *The New York Times* and husband of OPC member **Julia Preston**, also a *Times* reporter in Mexico. In a dispatch published in January, Dillon quoted Junco: "We're fighting for the public's right to information, and that means developing independent journalism and a healthy, arms-length relationship with government." During 25 years in publishing, Junco, 50, has fought freedom-of-information battles with top industrialists, the Supreme Court, political parties and several Mexican presidents. "Mr. Junco's burgeoning media empire is revolutionizing Mexican journalism and emerging as one of the most authoritative referees in the country's democratic transition," Dillon wrote. A 1969 journalism graduate of



Alejandro Junco de la Vega

the University of Texas, Junco owns a major newspaper in each of Mexico's three largest cities: *Mural* in Guadalajara, *Reforma* in Mexico City and *El Norte* in Monterey. He bars his news staff from taking bribes and relieved them of selling advertising, a practice that continues at some Mexican newspapers. **Murray Fromson**, director of the journalism



DANZIGER, LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

school at the University of Southern California and a former AP and CBS News correspondent in Asia, commented: "The Mexico City papers were all content to live off government ads and not hustle. *Reforma* has forced many of its competitors to do a better job."

NEW YORK: **Joyce Barnathan**, *Business Week*'s Hong Kong bureau chief, returned to New York this winter to become an assistant managing editor at the magazine. She succeeds **Sarah Bartlett**, who joined Oxygen Media, New York City, to oversee Oxygen's business content including a new Web site dealing with financial issues for women and related television programming. A reporter at *Fortune* and *The New York Times* before joining *Business Week* in 1992, Bartlett said: "During my 20 years at *Business Week*, *The New York Times* and *Fortune*, I've seen a sea change for women—in their interest in money issues, in their investing, in their rise up the corporate ladder and in juggling multiple responsibilities." Bartlett started her career as a film producer in London making documentaries for European television.

After years of traveling through Europe, Middle East, Asia and Australia, **Louis Zara**, 88, writer, journalist and 50-year OPC member, finally has accomplished his dream adventure (November *Bulletin*). Aboard the *Royal Princess*, Zara and his wife **Helen** sailed late last year through the Strait of Magellan where they "saw the hulks of 17th and 18th cen-

tury wrecks still ghastly on the far shore." In a report to the *Bulletin*, Zara wrote: "Off the Falkland Islands, the wind whipped to hurricane fury, Force 12+ or 70 knots, and debarking passengers were so abruptly halted that tenders and people already landed were stranded in Port Stanley two days while the *Princess* steamed round hundreds of miles waiting for the storm to abate. The captain skirted the once-dreaded Cape Horn. The huge, black rhomboid-shaped Cape was a sight I will never forget."

A plant that distributes Arabic-language newspapers in the United States sustained minor damage Jan. 1 when a stolen car ran into the plant and was set on fire. Damage was minor. **Yazid A. Mourani**, president of the distribution company, Media Marketing Research, Inc., said an unidentified caller left a vague but threatening message in Arabic on the company's answering machine two days before the attack. The company distributes the Saudi-owned *Al Hayat*, target of letter bombs at its London headquarters and several overseas offices two years ago; *Asharq Al Awsat*, also Saudi owned; *Al Ahram*, a semi-official Egyptian daily; and *Al Quds*, an independent Palestinian daily. Mourani said his company had been threatened before because of its association with *Al Hayat*.

Brian Mulroney, former prime minister of Canada, was named chairman of *Forbes Global Business and Finance* in December. Meanwhile, **Deborah Orr**, (Continued on Page 8)

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formerly a contributing editor at *Institutional Investor*, has joined *Forbes Global* as an associate editor.

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas:

While still writing an occasional article for *The New York Times*, **Shirley Christian** now is publications director for a biological sciences research institute being built in Kansas City. To help understand her work, she is studying molecular biology at a community college. Christian, a former reporter for AP, *The Miami Herald* and *The New York Times* in New York, Latin America and Washington, won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting.

PARIS: Fewer reporters were killed in 1998 than in recent years, but journalists investigating corruption remained in danger in many countries, the French watchdog group, **Reporters Without Borders**, said in December. Nineteen journalists were killed worldwide last year compared with 26 in 1997. The group reported that 487 journalists were arrested in 1998 and 697 were physically abused or threatened.

SEOUL: OPC member **Cyma Rubin**'s collection of 130 Pulitzer Prize photos are on exhibit in the Seoul Arts Center through March 11 and then will tour South Korean cities for one year. In connection with the exhibit, two Pulitzer-winning photographers, **Max Desfor** and **Gerald H. Gay**, participated in January in a Seoul symposium on the Pulitzers and 20th Century journalism. Desfor, then with AP, won with a photo of refugees fleeing across a bombed bridge during the Korean War. Gay, *The Seattle Times*, won the 1975 Pulitzer for spot news photography with "Lull in the Battle," a picture of four firemen resting in the debris of a Seattle fire. Rubin, a television producer in New York City, spent three years locating every newspicture that has won a Pulitzer since the first award in 1942, the only complete collection of Pulitzer photographs ever assembled. Her first collection has been touring Japan since last year, and she also was curator of the second collection that opened in Korea in December. Rubin told the *Bulletin* that plans are being discussed for a U.S. tour.

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan: BBC reports that its radio programs have been forced off the air in Uzbekistan. In

January, **Yuri Goligorsky**, BBC's chief regional editor, said its programs became inaccessible to many in this former Soviet Republic in Central Asia because the local government requested the network to move to Soviet-era frequencies.

TOKYO: **Charles Pomeroy**, general editor of the 50-year history of the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club that was published last year (*January Bulletin*), and his wife, **Atsuko**, have purchased a condo in Honolulu and plan to divide their time between Japan and Hawaii. Guests at a November house-warming in their Waikiki digs included retired Tokyo correspondents **Betsy** and **Roy Essoyan** (AP), **Ed White** (AP), **Fumiko** and **Richard Halloran** (McGraw Hill World News, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*), and **Pierre Brisard** (AFP). For two years, Pomeroy worked with five "decade" editors, writers, contributors and researchers to produce the book "Foreign Correspondents in Japan Reporting a Half Century of Upheavals: From 1944 to the Present" [Rutland, Vermont, and Tokyo: Tuttle, 1998]. The book is on sale at the Tokyo FCC, Amazon.com and Kinokuniya Book Store, 10 West 49th Street, New York City. Pomeroy has covered Japan's health care industry since the 1960s. To launch the book, the club held a party that was attended by three longtime staff members known to two generations of correspondents: **Mary Ushijima**, the club's front desk chief clerk from 1950-1983; **Katoro Washida**, who started as night telephone operator in 1946 and was club manager for 27 years before retiring in 1982; and **Ryozo (Smiley) Matsuoka**, former bartender and beverage manager.

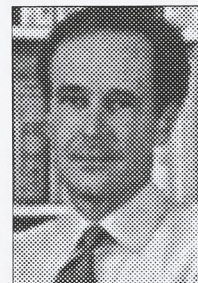
After three years in Tokyo, **Tony Boyd** of the *Australian Financial Review* has returned to Sydney to take an editor's job with that publication. He was elected to the Foreign Correspondents' Club board last year and served as secretary. Meanwhile, **Kenji Katayama**, the club's general manager since 1996, went on extended sick leave in November. "He is essentially stressed out and needs some time to relax, and we have given that to him," club president **Bob Neff** of *Business Week*, told a general meeting in December.

WASHINGTON: After resisting Microsoft's word processing program, OPC member **James Fallows** started working with the company in January to

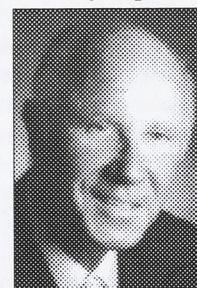
make its program more writer friendly. While on the staff of *The Atlantic Monthly*, Fallows wrote computer columns extolling the virtues of IBM's OS/2 operating system and resisting Microsoft's tide. Last fall after leaving the editorship of *U.S. News & World Report*, Fallows asked **Steven Ballmer**, Microsoft's president and a fellow alumnus of the *Harvard Crimson*, about working to improve Microsoft's computer software. Fallows said he felt "like some French diplomat finally admitting that most of the world speaks English." He joined a Microsoft product development team for Word, the leading word-processing program. Fallows said he will spend six months or so on the project and then return to writing magazine articles and books.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, a former editor at *Newsweek* and *The Washington Times*, on Jan. 4 became president and chief executive of UPI, the company where he launched his career as a foreign correspondent 52 years ago. De Borchgrave told **Felicity Barringer** of *The New York Times* that he wants the shrinking news service to cover "critically important news that others are ignoring.... I don't see why you would need another Reuters, AP or Bloomberg. I'm going to try to go in another direction." Accepting the appointment, he said: "Journalism is in a parlous state. Media in general have opted

for the slippery slope of entertaining rather than informing. Consumers of news are turned off by an overdose of superficial coverage of a world increasingly hard to comprehend. I look forward to the challenge of repositioning a global news service for the 21st century at the forefront of the knowledge revolution." Since leaving *The Washington Times* in 1991, de Borchgrave has been a senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research center. Born in Brussels in 1926, de Borchgrave started his career as a foreign correspondent with the old United Press in Western



James Fallows



Arnaud de Borchgrave

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Europe, 1947-1951. He then joined *Newsweek*, reporting from Paris, North Africa, Middle East and Indochina before serving as the magazine's foreign editor, senior editor, chief foreign correspondent, managing editor of its international editions and chief correspondent. He was editor-in-chief of *The Washington Times*, 1985-1991. DeBorchgrave became the sixth head of UPI since it was purchased in 1992 by the Middle East Broadcasting Center Ltd., whose principal owner, **Sheik Walid al-Ibrahim**, is a brother-in-law of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. The wire service has closed most of its bureaus, and most staffers file from their homes to a dwindling list of clients, mostly in Japan, on the World Wide Web and local radio stations. De Borchgrave succeeded **James Adams**, a former editor of London's *Sunday Times*, who said UPI lost \$120 million in the past five years. **Susan Older**, the wire service's editor in chief, and **Tobin Beck**, a managing editor, said UPI's staff now numbers about 150 journalists, one-tenth the number in 1982, and 200 stringers. UPI's best known correspondent, **Helen Thomas**, 78, who has covered the White House since 1974, told *The New York Times*, "My joy is that we're still in business and we're alive."

For OPC member **Stanley Rich**, the University Club's ninth annual "Meet the Author Night" late last year turned into an evening of reminiscing about Asia a half century ago. At the event, Rich met for the first time **Clyde Farnsworth Jr.**, a former *New York Times* correspondent, and **Ron Nessen**, White House press secretary during President Gerald Ford's administration. When the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club moved from Shanghai to Hong Kong, 50 years ago, the late **Clyde Farnsworth Sr.** was president of the club and Stan was a member. Nessen, a former UPI and NBC News correspondent, had traveled in Asia countries that Rich had covered during his years with UP, AP, McGraw Hill and ABC News.

April Oliver, the CNN producer who was fired last year over the contro-

versial Tailwind report alleging the U.S. military used nerve gas against deserters in Laos during the Vietnam War, now is working on a book about her research on the story and its fallout. "Vindication is a strong word," Oliver told **Celia McGee** of the *New York Daily News* in response to a question about her project. "But it will explain the fairly exhaustive information we had in hand that led us to the conclusions in our report, and I've had more calls recently saying that was just the tip of the iceberg." Scheduled for publication by Alfred A. Knopf in autumn 2000, the book's working title is "The Valley of Deceit." Meanwhile, *TV Guide* in December and January published a four-part series on the Tailwind broadcast. **Mary Murphy**, a staff reporter for the weekly magazine, and investigative journalist **Dennis McDougal** wrote that Tailwind was "the biggest catastrophe in CNN's history" and its "biggest blunder."

IN MEMORY

Monroe (Bud) Karmin, 69, who won a 1967 Pulitzer Prize for an article about links between U.S. organized crime and businesses in the Bahamas, died Jan. 15 at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, after a long battle with cancer. He won the Pulitzer when he was an investigative reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, writing the article with fellow reporter **Stanley W. Penn**. At his death, Karmin was an editor at large at *Bloomberg News*. Earlier he was a senior editor at *U.S. News & World Report* and also worked in *Knight Ridder's* Washington bureau and for *The Chicago Daily News*, *The Chicago Sun-Times* and *Newsday*. Karmin was president of Washington's National Press Club in 1995.

David Dempsey, 85, a magazine and newspaper writer whose books included an account of the Iwo Jima battle, died Jan. 13 at his home in Rye, N.Y. As a Marine Corps combat correspondent during World War II, Dempsey covered four Pacific landings and wrote the 1945 book, "U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima." After the war, he wrote articles for *The Saturday Evening Post*, *The New Yorker*, *Playboy*, *Reader's Digest*, *New Republic*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times Book Review* and *The New York Times Magazine*. His other books dealt with medical, psychological and social problems associated with dying, and one

on Lotta Crabtree, a late 19th century American actress whose \$4 million estate was contested by more than 100 people after her death in 1925. Dempsey was a former board member of PEN, the international organization of writers and editors.

Dr. Lucrecia Rico-Duque, 82, mother of OPC office assistant **Lucrecia (Boots) Duque**, died Jan. 7 in Quezon City, Philippines, of a heart attack. A medical doctor, Rico-Duque was chief of the women's infirmary at the Philippine National Mental Hospital until she retired at age 65. After retiring, she specialized in her hobby of breeding and importing orchids. She was treasurer of the Philippine National Orchid Society and traveled widely to collect orchids. Her daughter Boots joined the OPC office in February 1998.

Norman Reyes, 76, an American-Filipino radio broadcaster who became the voice of resistance during World War II's battle for the Bataan peninsula, died Jan. 7 in San Pablo, Philippines, from complications of a stroke. Reyes and another man operated a guerrilla radio station on Bataan to rally Filipino and American defenders against Japanese invaders. On April 9, 1942, U.S. and Filipino soldiers heard Reyes broadcast: "Bataan has fallen. The Filipino and American troops on this war-ravaged and bloodstained peninsula laid down their arms. With heads bloodied but unbowed, they have yielded to the superior forces of the enemy." On the day following his death, Manila TV stations replayed Reyes' recorded announcement of the surrender. After

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South Africa Trip

A tour of South Africa is planned for National Press Club members from March 15 to 28, according to the trip leader, OPC member **Rachael Bail**. OPC members are invited to sign up for the trip.

Stops include Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, George, Johannesburg, Soweto, Pretoria, Lesedi cultural village and two game drives at Kruger National Park. The price is \$3,275 a person.

For information call Richard Meyer, VIP Group Travel Ltd., (703) 356-6884 or Rachael Bail (703) 893-8625.

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Bataan, the Japanese captured Reyes and took him to Tokyo, where he was compelled to do war propaganda for Japan. Following the war, he was tried in the United States on suspicion of being a Japanese spy but was cleared of the charges. Reyes later became an American citizen.

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LeRoy Keller, 93, who spent 42 years with UPI and then became a newspaper broker and consultant, died Jan. 6 in a Pensacola, Florida, rest home after a long illness. A former OPC member, Keller joined the old United Press in 1929 as a staff writer and became a sales representative for the wire service in 1933, advancing over the years to the company's general sales manager and vice president and director of client relations. From 1964-1971, he was vice president and general manager of UPI's international division. Over his objections, the company requested Keller's retirement in 1971 when he reached 65. He then became a newspaper broker and consultant, so successful that he said he later told a UPI president: "Why didn't you force me out earlier?" At the University of Colorado in Boulder, Keller endowed the Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, believing that freedoms of speech and press were not fully understood and appreciated. Said to be one of three oldest living survivors of UPI, Keller wrote in his biography published in "Who's Who in America:" "It is ironic that having spent most of my

life fighting for competition in the news business, the end result is that most daily newspapers in the United States have done away with competition in their markets. Nonetheless, I still believe that competition in all business activities best serves the free enterprise society on which our democracy is founded." Keller, who lived many years in Bronxville, N.Y., is survived by his wife, Peggy, and their two children: John Pierce Keller, a medical doctor in Florida, and Lynn Keller Andrews, wife of a Florida medical doctor.

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Edward M. Mervosh, 57, a former *Business Week* correspondent in Europe, died of heart failure Dec. 29 in a New York City hospital. Mervosh joined the magazine in 1971 and was a European economics correspondent in Brussels before becoming *Business Week's* economics editor in 1980. In 1985, he joined *U.S. News & World Report* as a senior editor and columnist and later worked for other media: correspondent and commentator for Financial News Network and CBS News, editor in chief of *International Business*, New York editor of *The Economist Group* and co-founder of *Global Business*, an Internet business publication. Last year, he joined KPMG Peat Marwick as a managing editor for an on-line banking publication.

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Clay Blair, 73, a former editor of *The Saturday Evening Post* who wrote books on World War II and the Korean War, died of a heart attack at his home on Washington Island, Wisconsin, Dec. 16. During World War II, Blair served aboard the *Guardfish*, a U.S. Navy submarine, participating in its last two patrols off Japan. He went on to write 26 books including "Silent Victory: The U.S. Submarine War Against Japan," "Hitler's U-Boat War," "Ridgway's Paratroopers," "The Forgotten War" on Korea and "The Atomic Submarine and Admiral Rickover." Before joining *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1957, Blair was a Washington correspondent for *Time* and *Life*.

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Ken Edwards, 47, a former reporter in Hong Kong for the *China Mail* and *South China Morning Post* and an editor in Australia for *The Australian* and *The Age*, died Oct. 24 after suffering a heart attack while jogging in Sydney. His first book is scheduled for publication this year.

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II to World War I's Treaty of Versailles, Japan's 1931 invasion of Manchuria and subsequent expansion in China and Southeast Asia, and Hitler's and Mussolini's unopposed expansion in the mid-1930s. The Tremaines conclude: "How wasted were the millions of lives lost or ruined in the six years of that war [WWII] and the billions of dollars it cost. They were wasted because ruthless and greedy men sought domination by military means instead of through science, industry, education and good will, and because it was a war which diplomatic wisdom and military strength might have averted. Instead, we had vengeance, isolationism and weak-kneed diplomacy. Have we learned anything from this?"



Dick Hughes (left) and Lachie McDonald

• **Lachie McDonald**, a New Zealander, covered World War II in the Pacific and China's civil war for London's *Daily Mail*. In "Bylines: Memoirs of a War Correspondent" [Sydney: Kangaroo Press/Simon & Schuster Australia], McDonald writes about the old Shanghai Press Club in Broadway Mansions and the China correspondents he knew including **Dick Hughes** (London *Sunday Times*, *The Economist*, Melbourne *Herald*), **Lindesay Parrott** (*The New York Times*), **Frank Robertson** (INS), **Graham Jenkins** (Australian Associated Press/Reuters) and **Bill O'Neill** and **Graham Barrows** (both Reuters), names that ring bells in the memories of old Asia hands. McDonald recalls: "In 1949, I was in Hong Kong with **Ian Morrison** of *The Times* [London], waiting to see what happened when the communists reached the border. He was courting **Han Suyin** on top of the morgue at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital—the heavy concrete roof being reasonably cool." Han based her book, "A Many Splendored Thing," filmed under the title "Love Is a Many Splendored" (Continued on Next Page)

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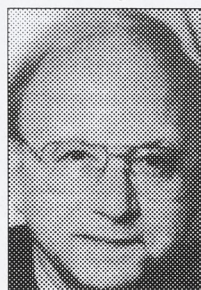
The Overseas Press Club of America is the nation's oldest and largest association of journalists engaged in international news. Founded in 1939 by 13 foreign correspondents in New York, the OPC has grown to more than 500 members worldwide. The club's mission is to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedoms, and promote good fellowship among colleagues. Its activities include events, scholarships and reciprocal relationships with press clubs around the globe. All those with a professional interest in international journalism are invited to contact the OPC about membership.

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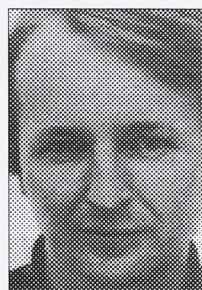
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Thing," on her romance with Morrison, who was killed during the Korean War. McDonald reports that he contributed "a handful" of his newspaper's money to a fund to pay a Shanghai Press Club barman's fare from Shanghai to Hong Kong, where the barman, **Liao Chien-ping**, became one of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club's best-known employees.

- Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, successor to the Soviet KGB, opened thousands of secret documents from the Stalin era to **Allen Weinstein**, founder of Washington's Center for Democracy, and **Alexander Vassiliev**, a former KGB agent and now a journalist. In "The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in America—the Stalin Era" [New York: Random House], Weinstein and Vassiliev quote from KGB documents that finger as espionage sources Americans long suspected of spying for the Soviet Union. They include Laurence Duggan, Alger Hiss, Samuel Dickstein, Martha Dodd Stern, Michael Straight, Duncan Lee, Klaus Fuchs, Harry Gold, David Greenglass, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and Victor Perlo. Reviewing the book in *The New York Times*, historian **Joseph E. Persico** wrote: "Further supporting the validity of the documents is the fact that many of the messages in the KGB archive were



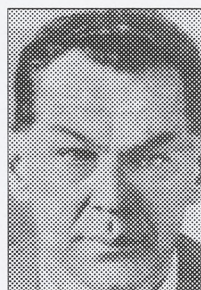
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matched by the authors against outgoing messages that the Soviets radioed from the United States to Moscow during the war [WWII], transmissions intercepted and broken through an American code-cracking triumph called Venona."

- For another spy book, British journalist **Robert Whymant** spent some 20 years researching the life of **Richard Sorge**, one of World War II's most extraordinary secret agents. For "Stalin's Spy: Richard Sorge and the Tokyo Espionage Ring" [New York: St. Martin's Press], Whymant tracked down survivors of Sorge's Tokyo spy ring and



Richard Sorge

delved into newly opened Soviet archives. Working as a reporter in Japan for the German newspaper *Frankfurter Zeitung* while spying for the Soviet Union, Sorge was so trusted by German Ambassador Eugen Ott that Ott sent him on a secret mission to Shanghai, giving him the German codes used to communicate with Berlin. Sorge learned of Germany's plans to invade the Soviet Union, but Stalin refused to believe his spy's report. So Sorge passed that information to **Joseph Newman** of *The New York Herald Tribune* and provided reports on Japan's plans to conquer Southeast Asia to Western newsmen he befriended in Tokyo's old Imperial Hotel. "Sorge's primary duty in Tokyo was to help the Soviet Union ward off a very real threat from Japan," Whymant writes. "However, he saw Nazi Germany as the most evil and dangerous foe, not only of Russia but of civilization itself.... Taking a broad strategic view, Sorge reckoned that it was imperative to alert the Western democracies to Japan's aggressive designs." After Japanese police arrested Sorge in 1942, Tokyo offered to exchange him for Japanese spies imprisoned in Russia. Soviet officials replied, "The man called Richard Sorge is unknown to us." Sorge was hanged in Tokyo's Sugamo Prison in 1944. Twenty years later, Moscow made him a Hero of the Soviet Union and issued a postage stamp in his memory.

- In "Murder in the Name of God: The Plot to Kill Yitzhak Rabin" [New York: Metropolitan Books/Henry Holt], **Michael Karpin**, an Israeli journalist, and **Ina Friedman**, an American-born Dutch correspondent, deal with questions surrounding the 1995 assassination of Israel's prime minister and the social, religious and political background against which the murder took place. The questions include whether the assassin, Yigal Amir, an Orthodox Jewish law student, was encouraged by his national-religious circles, whether Amir had rabbinical sanction to kill the prime minister, Rabin's own responsibility by treating his political enemies with contempt and failure of the Shin Bet security service in protecting Rabin.

- With the precise timing of a slam-

dunk shot, **David Halberstam's** latest book, "Playing for Keeps: Michael Jordan and the World He Made" [New York: Random House], was published in January just days after the Chicago Bulls star announced his retirement from professional basketball. Halberstam, who won a 1964 Pulitzer Prize for his reporting from the Vietnam War and a 1973 OPC Award, has demonstrated his wide range of interests by writing earlier books on government operations, the news business, the auto industry, civil rights and baseball. In writing about Jordan, Halberstam contends that the United States dominates the international cultural market, and Jordan stands "as the signature commercial representative of this great new athletic-cultural-commercial empire."



David Halberstam

- In "A First Rate Tragedy: Robert Falcoln Scott and the Race to the South Pole" [Boston: Houghton Mifflin], British journalist **Diana Preston** describes Scott's two expeditions to Antarctica and some of his failures: relying on ponies and not enough on dogs, not knowing how to use skis to good advantage, not learning from an earlier experience regarding the evaporation of cooking fuel, carrying inadequate food and throwing off his calculations for supplies by adding a fifth man to his expedition.

- Literary and artistic figures of Paris in the 1920s and 1930s are remembered in "Man From Babel" by **Eugene Jolas**, edited by **Andreas Kramer** and **Rainer Rumold** [New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press]. Born in the United States of a German mother and French father, Jolas grew up in France and became a writer for the Paris edition of *The Chicago Tribune* in the 1920s. In his book, edited from his memoirs dictated to his wife until his death in 1952, Jolas writes about Gloria Swanson, Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, François Mauriac, André Breton, Gertrude Stein, Sinclair Lewis, André Gide and other people he knew and describes as "the Romantics of the 20th century" who were little interested in social, economic or political problems.

New Books

• **Andrew Heiskell** was born in Naples, never graduated from college, knew nothing about America when he



Andrew Heiskell arrived in the United States at age 20 during the height of the Great Depression, 10 years later at age 30 became publisher of *Life*, was chairman of Time Inc. for 20 years, invented *People* magazine and was married to movie star **Madeleine Carroll** for 14 years and for the last 34 years to **Marian Sulzberger**, whose family owns *The New York Times*. Heiskell recounts his life in "Outsider Insider: An Unlikely Success Story" [New York: Marian-Dairen Press]. Writing in *The Times*, **Judith Newman** said Heiskell "recounts with great wit his dealings with the titans of the day who published their memoirs in *Life*. Winston Churchill, for example, was an extraordinary writer but knew how to run up an expense account, and the Duke of Windsor was 'a world class nonwriter' whose 'effective attention span was about two minutes.'"

• In "The Magnificent Moisants: Champions of Early Flight" [Washington: Smithsonian Institute Press], **Doris L. Rich**, who has published biographies of aviation pioneers Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman, turns to a family that promoted commercial flying before World War I. Alfred Moisant used the

fortune earned on his El Salvador sugar plantation to finance demonstration tours promoting use of airplanes. His brother, John Moisant, set three world records in a 1910 flight from Paris to London but died in a crash only five months after he learned to fly. Their sister, Mathilde Moisant, second American woman to earn a pilot's license, broke an altitude record in 1911 and performed stunts that rivaled her brother's daredevilry. Rich is wife of OPC member **Stanley Rich**, a former wire service and radio correspondent in Asia (see "People").



Doris L. Rich

• **Rowan Callick**, East Asia correspondent for the *Australian Financial Review*, surveys the first year of Hong Kong under China's rule, finding that feared political problems did not develop while the territory suffered its worst economic meltdown in 13 years. In "Comrades & Capitalists: Hong Kong Since the Handover" [Sydney: University of New South Wales Press], Callick writes that capitalist free market economics, not Communist politics, sandbagged Hong Kong as it struggled to redefine itself after the British left. "The PLA [China's People's Liberation Army] turned into pussycats while market bears have caused untold damage," he comments. Reviewing his book in the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club magazine, *The Correspondent*, club president **Diane Stormont** wrote: "In unvarnished terms, Rowan's thesis

hinges on the view that Hong Kong had grown flabby on the back of years of continuous asset price inflation—easy money from the spiraling property and stock markets—and is now being called to account....But in the meantime, the recession might just be the foul-tasting but necessary dose of medicine that Hong Kong needs to unclog its arteries, build up new muscle-tone and get back to business."

• On Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, **Frank Tremaine** was the United Press bureau manager in Honolulu. Now Frank and his wife, **Kay Tremaine**, who worked for *The Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and *The Honolulu Advertiser*, have written "The Attack on Pearl Harbor: By Two Who Were There," [Fredericksburg, Texas: The Admiral Nimitz Foundation]. Frank



Frank and Kay Tremaine

covered World War II from the "date that will live in infamy" to Japan's signing of the surrender documents on Sept. 2, 1945, aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. He describes their book as "mostly a pretty light report on our experiences and those of some of our friends." But in their Epilogue, the authors relate World War
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